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SUBJECT: APRIL NATO TOUR FOR NORWEGIAN JOURNALISTS

1. AS A COMPLEMENT TO ITS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL NATO TOURS FOR NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS (INVOLVING 20 LEADING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN LAST TWO YEARS), EMBASSY OSLO IS PLANNING A SIMILAR ORIENTATION TRIP FOR TOP EDITORS AND POLITICAL/MILITARY COMMENTATORS.

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2. WHILE CONCENTRATING ON NATO PROGRAMMING FOR

PARLIAMENTARIANS, WE HAVE NEGLECTED SIMILAR PROGRAMS FOR LEADING JOURNALISTS IN LAST TWO YEARS, DESPITE KEY ROLE THEY PLAY IN FORMING PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT DEFENSE SPENDING IN SUPPORT OF NATO AND ABOUT ALLIANCE IN GENERAL.

3. WE NOW FEEL IT ESSENTIAL TO CORRECT THIS SHORT-COMING AND, IN COOPERATION WITH USIS/USNATO, HEREWITH PROPOSE A TOUR PROGRAM, WHICH--WITH FULL SUPPORT FROM ADDRESSEES--WILL HELP KEY MEDIA LEADERS BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ALLIANCE AND ITS CURRENT PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES, AS WELL AS INCREASE THE EXTENT AND DEPTH OF NORWEGIAN REPORTING ON NATO.

4. WE PLAN TO INVITE SIX OF NORWAY'S MOST HIGHLY RESPECTED JOURNALISTS TO PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING:  
A) THE FOREIGN EDITOR OF NORWAY'S NATIONAL TELEVISION NETWORK (NRL-TV), WHO HOPES TO DO A SPECIAL PROGRAM ON SIXTH FLEET, INCLUDING INTERVIEW WITH COMSIXTHFLT OR CTF COMMANDER. IN PAST, HE HAS INTERVIEWED SECDEF SCHLESINGER, PRESIDENT TITO, PREMIER GOLDA MEIR, FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI, ETC. (TV PROGRAM BEING TREATED SEPTELS).

B) THE FOREIGN EDITOR OF NORWAY'S NATIONAL RADIO NETWORK (NRK), WHO HAS BEEN THE RADIO'S AUTHORITY ON NATO MATTERS FOR MORE THAN A DECADE.

C) THE FOREIGN EDITOR OF THE PRESTIGIOUS NORWEGIAN JOURNAL OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING, WHICH IS A STRONG ADVOCATE OF DEFENSE SPENDING, PARTICULARLY FOR THE NORWEGIAN NAVY.

D) THE EDITOR OF FINNMARK DAGBLAD, HAMMERFEST, WHO IS ONE OF THE GOVERNING LABOR PARTY'S LEADING JOURNALISTS AND IS A MAJOR PROPONENT OF MODERATION IN NORTH NORWAY, WHERE FAR-LEFT VIEWS ARE STRONG.

E) A LEADING EDITOR OF ADRESSEAVISEN, TRONDHEIM, ONE OF NORWAY'S LARGEST NEWSPAPERS AND THE MAJOR LOCAL NEWS MEDIUM IN CENTRAL NORWAY.

F) THE NATO CORRESPONDENT OF THE NORWEGIAN NEWS AGENCY (NTB), WHICH IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN NEWS FOR MOST OF NORWAY'S 150 NEWSPAPERS.

5. THE NEWSMEN WILL BE ESCORTED BY THE EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE.

6. FOR THE TOUR, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM:  
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 -- ARRIVE BRUSSELS AT 1930 VIA SK 541. REQUEST USNATO ARRANGE HOTEL RESERVATIONS

(SEVEN SINGLES WITH BATH) AND PROVIDE TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT.

MONDAY, APRIL 14 -- MORNING PROGRAM AT SHAPE, INCLUDING BRIEFING AND Q&A SESSION WITH SACEUR, SIMILAR TO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE ARRANGED FOR NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN FEBRUARY. REQUEST SHAPE TRANSPORT FROM HOTEL TO HQS AND BACK TO NATO IN BRUSSELS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 -- ALL DAY PROGRAM AT NATO, INCLUDING SESSIONS WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL LUNS U.S. AND NORWEGIAN PERM REPS AND BRIEFINGS BY TOP NATO OFFICIALS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 -- BRIEFING BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EC ON U.S. - EUROPEAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AT APPROXIMATELY 09:30.

- 14:00 DEPART BRUSSELS VIA SN 805 ARRIVING MILAN

15:30. DEPART MILAN 16:55 VIA AZ 469 ARRIVING NAPLES

18:10. REQUEST AFSOUTH RESERVE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS AT HOTEL VESUVIO AND PROVIDE TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 -- PROGRAM AT AFSOUTH SIMILAR TO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE FOR NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS LAST NOVEMBER, INCLUDING BRIEFINGS AND Q&A SESSIONS WITH CINCSOUTH, COMNAVSOUTH AND COMSIXTFLT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 -- DEPART NAPLES VIA COD FOR RON ABOARD SIXTH FLEET CARRIER AT SEA IN MEDITERRANEAN TO VIEW FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND MEET WITH CTF COMMANDER AND SHIP'S CAPTAIN.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 -- RETURN NAPLES VIA COD. REMAINDER OF DAY FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 -- DEPART NAPLES AT 13:45 VIA AZ 418, ARRIVE MILAN 14:55. DEPART MILAN 17:20 VIA AZ 250 ARRIVING VIENNA 18:40. REQUEST USIS VIENNA ARRANGE ACCOMODATIONS CONVENIENT HOTEL.  
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MONDAY, APRIL 21 -- BRIEFINGS BY U.S. AND NORWEGIAN REPS AT MBFR TALKS. DEPART VIENNA 18:40 VIA LH 261 ARRIVING STUTTGART 19:45. REQUEST EUROM ARRANGE ACCOMODATIONS AND, IF POSSIBLE, PROVIDE TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 -- MORNING BRIEFINGS AT EUROM AND Q&A WITH DEPUSSINCEUR. DEPART STUTTGART VIA EUROM ARRANGED TRANSPORT FOR RAMSTEIN AFB. BRIEFINGS AT RAMSTEIN AND Q&A WITH CINCUSAFE, VIEW FLIGHT OPERATIONS, IF POSSIBLE. SUGGEST IF FEASIBLE ALSO SHORT BRIEFING ON AIR FORCE'S NEW LIGHT WEIGHT FIGHTER F-16. ALSO, WILL AWACS BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING THIS PERIOD? REQUEST USAF ARRANGE ACCOMODATIONS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 -- COMPLETION OF RAMSTEIN PROGRAM IF TIME AND LOGISTICS PERMIT, WE SUGGEST A VISIT TO

HEIDELBERG FOR Q&A SESSION WITH THE CINCUSAREUR. DEPART  
FRANKFURT 18:15 VIA SK 638 ARRIVING COPENHAGEN 19:40.  
DEPART COPENHAGEN 21/05 VIA SR 422 ARRIVING OSLO 22/05.  
REQUEST U.S. MILITARY TRANSPORT TO FRANKFURT AIRPORT.

7. NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FURNISHED AS  
PROGRAM IS FINALIZED. IN MAKING OUR SELECTION  
WE ARE EXERCISING CONSIDERABLE CAUTION TO ASSURE  
THAT WE INVITE ONLY THOSE TOP EDITORS AND COMMENT-  
TATORS WHO ARE EXPERT ON EUROPEAN SECURITY ISSUES,  
SYMPATHETIC TO THE MISSION OF THE ALLIANCE AND CAN  
BE TRUSTED TO COMPLETELY RESPECT ALL GROUND RULES.

8. REQUEST ADDRESSEES ADVISE ASAP OF ACCEPTABILITY  
THIS PROGRAM AND DATES. EMBASSY PROGRAMMING OFFICER  
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